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SALEM COUNTY ANNOUNCES NEW WEATHER ALERT SYSTEM

(SALEM, NJ) – Deputy Freeholder Director David Lindenmuth, Chair of the County Public Safety Committee today announced that the Salem County Office of Emergency Management will be providing telephone and fax notification to all local emergency management officers of weather warnings that are issued through the National Weather Service in Mount Holly, NJ.

"Our goal is to rapidly notify our communities of impending storms," said Deputy Director Lindenmuth. "We want to provide our municipalities with the most up to date and timely information to allow them to prepare for the storm. Preparation is key to effective emergency management."

By utilizing the Salem County Reverse 911 system, local emergency management coordinators and deputy coordinators will be notified of all severe weather announcements through a recorded message. The message will advise that a warning has been declared and the National Weather Service should be monitored for updates and further information. Within five minutes of releasing the call, all local communities will be advised of the weather warning. During the school year, the Salem County Superintendant of Schools and the Salem Community College will also be added into the contact list.

"Quite often communities are caught off-guard when a storm develops and being given advance warning on an approaching storm can save property damage and even lives by giving the emergency workers a chance to prepare and react before the storm hits," said Deputy Director Lindenmuth. "We are committed to providing our communities with the essential tools to effectively protect the lives of our residents and preserve their property in the event of an emergency."